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Security Council

10.30 a.m.	6374th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia[1]

   Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1918 (2010) (S/2010/394)

[1] Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

10 a.m.	113th plenary meeting[1]	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items; and Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law: Letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Belarus (A/64/896) [7 and 111 (c)]
2. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Note by the Secretary-General (A/64/897) [111 (f)]

[1] At the beginning of the meeting, the General Assembly will pay tribute to the memory of His Excellency Guido de Marco, President of the fourty-fifth session of the General Assembly, and His Excellency Samir Shihabi, President of the fourty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

A high-level meeting will be held on Tuesday, 31 August 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), to launch the United Nations Global Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons, pursuant to resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 20 August 2010, has been sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. More details on the programme will be provided shortly.

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Announcement

The new global meetings management module, for planning, requesting and scheduling meetings, eMeets 2.0 (icms.un.org), has been launched on 16 August 2010, by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, at Headquarters. Effective that day, eMeets 2.0 is replacing the former eMeets (eMeets.un.org). Hands-on training sessions are available for interested staff from Permanent Missions, Secretariat and agencies who are responsible for meeting requests. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Gerald Abes (e-mail abes@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4929); or Ms. Tina Colaco (e-mail colaco@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6543).

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Briefing

A briefing on matters relevant to the work of the Committee on Conferences will be held *today*, 25 August 2010, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D (NLB). All members of the Committee are invited to attend. Non-members who wish to attend as observers are requested to submit a written request to Ms. Jolanta Banaszek-Pinilla (e-mail banaszek@un.org).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-sixth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 25 August 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 25 August 2010

Informal "informal" meeting on the preparation of the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals

3 p.m. Conference Room 6 (NLB

Informal "informal" meeting on the review process of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

3 p.m. Conference Room 7 (NLB

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 25 August 2010

Informal consultations on Interfaith Cooperation (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room B (NLB)

OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference room C (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 25 August 2010

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 28th meeting on Friday, 27 August 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), to elect the Chair and other officers of the Bureau.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its 48th meeting on Friday, 27 August 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB), for the sole purpose of electing the Chair and the other officers for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly

(20–22 September 2010)

All delegations wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, *in writing*, by facsimile (1 (212) 963-3783) or e-mail (muturi@un.org and heddachem@un.org), indicating the name and the level of the participant. Inscription, on a first-come, first-served basis, is open.

As stipulated in resolution 64/184 of 21 December 2009 (A/RES/64/184), the six round tables will be held as follows:

Monday, 20 September:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 1 — Addressing the challenge of poverty, hunger and gender equality

From 3 to 6 p.m.

Round table 2 — Meeting the goals of health and education

Tuesday, 21 September:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 3 — Promoting sustainable development

From 3 to 6 p.m.

Round table 4 — Addressing emerging issues and evolving approaches

Wednesday, 22 September:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 5 — Addressing the special needs of the most vulnerable

From 2 to 5 p.m.

Round table 6 — Widening and strengthening partnerships

For each regional group, the distribution of its members for participation in each round-table session will be as follows:

(a) African States: ten Member States

(b) Asian States: ten Member States

(c) Eastern European States: five Member States

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States: seven Member States

(e) Western European and other States: six Member States

Each delegation may only participate in one round table and thus may wish to indicate three preferences when inscribing on the list.

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences

Substantive session

The substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held from Monday, 30 August, to Friday, 3 September 2010, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the session is contained in A/AC.172/2010/1.

[Reports for consideration by the Committee are contained in the following documents: A/65/122 and A/AC.172/2010/L.2.]

[*Note*: In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the substantive session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Mildred Fernandes, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail fernandes3@un.org).]

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to recommend a course of action to the General Assembly on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects

The meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group of the Whole established pursuant to paragraph 178 of General Assembly resolution 64/71 to recommend a course of action to the Assembly at its sixty-fifth session will be held at Headquarters from Monday, 30 August to Friday, 3 September 2010.

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work and the format of the meeting, as well as the report on the views of States on the fundamental building blocks of the Regular Process, issued as document A/65/69/Add.1, have been placed on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at the following address <www.un.org/Depts/los/global_reporting/global_reporting.htm>.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 27 August 2010* (room DC2-450; fax 1 (212) 963-5847).

Furthermore, delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-1112).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 247th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Wednesday, 1 September 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties

Third session

The third session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held on Wednesday, 1 September 2010, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 2 September from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Friday, 3 September from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The election of twelve members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place on Wednesday, 1 September. The documents for the Conference are CRPD/CSP/2010/1 and CRPD/CSP/2010/2. Further information, including the list of candidates for the elections of the Committee is available at <www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPD2010Elections.aspx> and <www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1532>.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 89 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 60 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room DC1-593).

Accessibility

States Parties that have not yet informed the Secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2010

The second regular session 2010 of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 September 2010, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2010/15. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_53861.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them (jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org), as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 27 August 2010.*

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The second regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board, on Thursday, 26 August 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2010

The second regular session 2010 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 30 August, to Friday, 3 September 2010, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2010/L.3. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to communicate their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-3633), as early as possible, but no later than *today*, 25 August 2010.

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation on the annual review of the UNDP financial situation on Friday, 27 August 2010, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

Thursday, 26 August 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 26 August 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)

Monday, 30 August 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and

Tuesday, 31 August 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level)

Thursday, 26 August 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Group of the Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

Thursday, 26 August 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

General briefing on the work of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 15 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

Thursday, 16 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee

Friday, 17 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee

Friday, 17 September 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

Friday, 17 September 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Workshop on Environmental Negotiations and Climate Change Diplomacy

Thursday, 26 August 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB); and

Friday, 27 August 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[Open to all permanent and observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabrielle Goudiaby, UNITAR (e-mail goudiaby@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

UNITAR Continued IT Education (CITE) Project

Friday, 27 August 2010, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Evan Silberman, UNITAR (e-mail evan.silberman@unitar.org; tel. 1 (917) 512-9457).]

Interactive briefings on the "Global Counter-Terrorism Initiative" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 30 August 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB);

Friday, 3 September 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Tuesday, 7 September 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The briefings are closed. For further information, please contact Dr. Rahima Abdul Rahman, Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia (e-mail rahima@saudimission.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-1525, ext. 1033).]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — "Migration and the MDGs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Population Fund and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 2 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

[For registration please visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/event>. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabrielle Goudiaby, UNITAR (e-mail goudiaby@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603); or visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/ny/Migration-and-MDGs>.]

UNITAR French-Language workshop on "Effective Negotiation in Multilateral Conferences"

Tuesday, 7 September 2010, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; and

Wednesday, 8 September 2010, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room B (NLB).

[Open to all permanent and observer missions. To register, please visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, contact Ms. Gabrielle Goudiaby, UNITAR (goudiaby@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing
First meeting
Nairobi, Kenya (13–17 September 2010)

The first meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing (AHEG-1) will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 September 2010, in Nairobi, Kenya. Member States are requested to fax a note verbale, via their Permanent Missions in New York, to the UNFF secretariat *as soon as possible* informing the name(s) of their Government-designated expert(s) for participation in the AHEG-1 (1 (917) 367-3186). Additional information on registration is available on the following Web site <www.un.org/esa/forests/adhoc-forestfinance-registration.html>. For further information, please contact Ms. Ninon Thermidor (e-mail thermidor@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3261); or Ms. Edith Niamke (e-mail niamke@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4244).

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law — Historic Archives

The following legal instrument was recently added to the Historic Archives section of the Web site of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols), 1980 (with an introductory note by Mr. Yves Sandoz). All interested parties are invited to visit the website at <www.un.org/law/avl/>.

United Nations Regional Course in International Law

Applications for the United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held at Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, from 15 to 26 November 2010, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asian States. The deadline for applications is Thursday, 9 September 2010.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including application forms, please consult the Regional Course Web site at <www.un.org/law/rcil/asia>; or contact the Codification Division (rcil-asia@un.org).

Side events on the occasion of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Delegations and other interested parties are invited to submit their proposed side events for inclusion in the calendar of partnership events to be held in conjunction with the High-level Plenary Meeting. Please use the online form on the official Web site of the High-level Plenary Meeting <www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/events.shtml>. Information on where to submit requests for rooms is also available on the official Web site. For further information, please send an e-mail to hlpmevents@un.org. The tentative list of side events is now available on the official Web site.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials. Lake Success, New York, 22 November 1950

Acceptance: Armenia (23 August 2010)[1]

Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials of 22 November 1950. Nairobi, 26 November 1976

Accession: Armenia (23 August 2010)[1]

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession to Convention and Consent to be bound by Protocols I and III: Antigua and Barbuda (23 August 2010)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Antigua and Barbuda (23 August 2010)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Antigua and Barbuda (23 August 2010)[1]

Convention on Cluster Munitions. Dublin, 30 May 2008

Ratification: Antigua and Barbuda (23 August 2010)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty Event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation

United Nations Headquarters (21–23 and 27–28 September 2010)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at the Headquarters of the United Nations commencing with the Millennium Summit in 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 23 September, and on Monday, 27, and Tuesday, 28 September 2010, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Event, entitled "2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties of global reach such as human rights, terrorism, penal matters, disarmament, climate change and the protection of United Nations personnel. In particular, this year will highlight a theme which celebrates and safeguards life on earth, biodiversity. 2010 marks the International Year of Biodiversity; it also marks the start of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, another global issue requiring a global response.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.243.2010.TREATIES-3 of 28 April 2010. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign, ratify or accede to any of the treaties could notify and provide copies of full powers/instruments in advance to the Treaty Section.

Further information concerning the 2010 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001

Geneva, 25 June 2010

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 54, the above Agreement shall be open for signature in New York from 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2012, by parties to the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001, and Governments invited to the United Nations Conference, 2010.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (380 Madison Avenue, New York; e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address <treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *August 2010* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Ghana
H.E. Mr. Leslie Kojo Christian

Asian States:
Cambodia
H.E. Mr. Kosal Sea

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Ivan Barbalić

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
H.E. Mr. Camilo Gonsalves

Western European and other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. John McNee

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